value while permitting the thumb and index finger to move in a pinching action; and an elongated strap secured to the index finger receiving section for keeping the thumb and index finger receiving sections operatively positioned on the index finger and thumb, respectively.

## **REMARKS**

Prior to examination of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above-listed Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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